

1 Please add the following new claims:

11 ~~44~~ A composite web comprising:

a substrate web having a surface;

a composite powder mixture deposited on the surface of the substrate web in an amount up to about 0.36 g/cm², the composite powder mixture comprising:

about 5 to 30 weight percent thermoplastic binder particles which have an effective diameter in the range of about 5 to 95 microns, and

about 70 to 95 weight percent active agent particles having an effective diameter in the range of about 5 to 5000 microns,

wherein the thermoplastic binder particles are fused to the surface of the substrate web and the active agent particles.

12 ~~45~~ The composite web of claim 11 ~~44~~, wherein the thermoplastic forming the thermoplastic binder particles is a polyolefin.

13 ~~46~~ The composite web of claim 11 ~~44~~, wherein the substrate web is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polypropylene, cellulosic tissue stock and cellulosic towel stock.

14 ~~47~~ The composite web of claim 11 ~~44~~, wherein the active agent particles are selected from the group consisting of particulate activated carbon, particulate iodinated resin, particulate sodium bicarbonate, particulate manganese dioxide and particulate polymer liquid absorbents.

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~~5-48~~ The composite web of claim ~~44~~¹¹, wherein the thermoplastic forming the thermoplastic binder particles is a polyolefin, wherein the substrate web is formed from a material selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polypropylene, cellulosic tissue stock and cellulosic towel stock, and wherein the active agent particles are selected from the group consisting of particulate activated carbon, particulate iodinated resin, particulate sodium bicarbonate, particulate magnese oxide and particulate polymer liquid absorbents.

REMARKS

The Office Action having a mailing date of February 1, 1999 has been received and its contents carefully noted. According to the Office Action summary, claims 16 through 25 have been further examined and rejected in response to the Applicant's filing of a Continuing Prosecution Application on November 19, 1998. Claims 26 through 43 have been cancelled, without prejudice. In this paper, an amendment was made to claim 24 and claims 44 through 48 have been added. Consideration of the claims in view of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested. Claims 16 through 25 and 44 through 48 are now pending in this application.

I. Telephone Interview

On May 4, 1999, the applicants' attorney and the Examiner had a telephone interview regarding the application and the outstanding Office Action. In the telephone interview, each of the references which have been applied as a basis for rejecting the applicants' claims were discussed as well as the claims. As a result of the interview, the Applicants' attorney and the Examiner reached